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BOARD OF YOUTH SERVICES MEETING MINUTES

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Arlington Board of Youth Services
Minutes of Meeting
March 3, 2011

Present – Elizabeth Opedisano, Christine Connelly, Ann Horgan, Joan Axelrod, Doug Katz, Lynn Horgan, Carlene Newell, Maryann Andrew, Mary DeCoursey, Linda Suzuki, Joan Robio.

Minutes from January approved through motion. February meeting was cancelled due to snow.

AYCC Update - Phyllis

Phyllis gave out a handout.

Summary of Update: AYCC will co-sponsor "Think Kids" training 4/26/2011, 6:30 – 9 pm at Ottoson Middle School- parent and professional community invited. "Parenting, Teaching and Treating Challenging Kids" is the title. A great way to get professionals and parents together for the training. This is a workshop for parents of challenging kids. BYS and SEPAC to sponsor. Phyllis is asking for help with Coffee and desserts for event. To be held at Ottoson. Good idea to have BYS presence and possibly a table for information.

Fee for Service Clinicians – Laura O'Neal has been hired who will head up "substance abuse service" which will collaborate with the Diversion program and AYHSC.
This is our #7 hire!

Insurance update – we are now a Tufts provider as of 2/15/11

Billing – Revenue flow is improving. Will begin to look at this on a monthly basis to make sure it is going smoothly and to work out the kinks.

Grants - Proposal for CHNA 17 grant will focus on youth and substance abuse. RFP should be out by May. Phyllis will coordinate a meeting to discuss.

Looking for help to update webpage.

Interns – do we have time to bring in an intern? Joan A. has some connections, and Phyllis has been getting calls. With all the changes this year Phyllis is thinking of eventually taking in an intern but maybe later in the year for fall semester and will continue to research the idea.

Fundraising – Doug spoke about a fundraising event he recently attended. Ned Hallowell who is an international expert on ADHD spoke. Invited guests bought tickets. They presented clients who spoke about their experience with the program. There was also a silent auction. Guests were board members and friends and family of the organization. Discussion on how this might work for AYCC.

Fundraising Update – Christine

Fundraising Committee meets every Thursday at 11:30 at BOH. Committee includes Patty Brennan, Lori Talanian, Maryann Andrew, Barbara Tosti, Gina Murphy and Christine Connelly.

For those who haven't sent their "friends and famiy" list to Lori do so ASAP. Christine distributed fundraising letter to

members for review. The letter will be going out within the next few weeks. Included is the two pager on AYCC information.

The group has generated a number of fundraising ideas including:

Mailings

Telling the story

Targeted mailing to certain districts

Little wine and cheese events

Corporate fundraising - Looking into how to apply for funds from local banks and organizations

Foundations

There will also be an article in the Advocate regarding the agency and funding. Christine was recently interviewed.

Medical Records Grant Update – Joan R. has found out that the electronic medical record grant is only for physicians or health care institutions and offices. Joan is continuing to look into it, but thinks we may not be eligible.

Committee Updates:

Diversion (Cindy) – will report next meeting

First Step (Lynn) – Womens group continues to meet on a regular basis. Rebecca and Jocelyn have gotten involved. Committee is networking.

Alcohol Awareness (Elizabeth) - will report next meeting

Parent Forums (Carlene) – April 18th, bullying for parents – Doug is presenting. “Parenting, Teaching and Treating Challenging Kids” – Think Kids group on April 26th.

AYHSC (Lynn)- YRBS is going to be conducting this in May or June. Newsletter is coming out.

Announcements:

Andrade family update. Many may know one of the Metco families lost everything to a fire. The Board was involved in helping them set up in Arlington, along with the schools and other parents. A collection was taken up and housing has been secured for them at Menotomy Manor. Thank you to all those who were able to help out.

Christine has connected with the Library to help in the “Turn Off TV week”. BYS and HHS will co-sponsor with the library. This means getting the word out to families. It is scheduled for April vacation week.

Thompson Lunch program occurred during Feb. vacation. In conjunction with Church of our Savior, 30 families Tuesday and 50 families Thursday enjoyed a lunch at Thompson School. It was very successful with local restaurant Scutra preparing the meal on Thursday. Christine is looking into repeating and expanding it for April vacation.

Town affiliated non-profit group meeting. Mary D. and Christine went to a Town Non-profit group meeting where discussion was around encouraging Arlington citizens to donate to Arlington non-profits. The idea is to put an option on the water bill for people to donate. More information to follow, will keep the group updated.

Lynn shared a Thank you note from the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance Committee, which was held on Martin Luther King weekend.

Next Meeting April 6th.

Motion to Adjourn by Joan A. seconded by Maryann A., all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:15

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Mary DeCoursey